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DEED of MORTIFICATION

BY

JOHN STRACHAN of CRAIGCROOK,

Dated the 24th September 1712, *and recorded in the Books of Council and Seſſion the 4th Auguſt* 1719.

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL MEN be thir preſents, me John Strachan of Craigcrook, FORASMUCH as God in his goodneſs (to whome I give thanks) has bleſſed me in my pains and induſtrie in my imployment, I doe, out of an thankful reſentment and commemoration of his kindneſs and love to me, and, withall, that none of my relations or neareſt of kinn may have right to what ſhall happen, in land or money, to belong to me the tyme of my deceaſe, except what I have left or may leave under my hand: THEREFORE, I doe debar and preclude them yrfrom, upon conſiderations known to me, and by thir preſents, upon the proviſions, reſtrictions, and limitations underwritten, I the ſaid John Strachan, for charitable and pious uſes, aſſigne and diſpone, ALL and HAILL the mails and duties of the lands of CRAIGCROOK, as payable by the tenents yrof preſent or to come, forth of the lands thereof, with the rents of the mannor-place, yards, dovecoats, and haill pertinents, park, and gairdner's houſe, the lands themſelves, manner-place, and others foreſaid, never to be ſold, in regard the ſamen are hereby mortified, with the rents yrof: AS ALSO, I hereby Mortifie, aſſigne, and diſpone the mails and duties of the lands of NORTH CLERMISTOUN and BODDOMS, preſently poſſeſst by Thomas Walls, the lands yrof alſo never to be ſold,

ſold, but to remaine as mortified land for ever: LIKEAS the rent of my DWELLING-HOUSE in Edinburgh, the houſe likewiſe never to be ſold, but to remain as mortified land: And in like manner I mortifie, aſſigne, and diſpone the ANNUALRENT of all SUMES of MONEY that ſhall happen to belong to me the tyme of my deceaſe, the principal ſoumes to remain and ſecured as principal ſumes, being mortified: AND in regaird I am to make ſome ſtatutes anent the foreſaid mortification, and managers yrof, I doe hereby recommend to two Advocatts, two wryters to the Signett, and the Preſbitry of Edr. at the ſight of the Lords of Seſſion, any two of yr number to overſee the premyſſes, and to employ an diſcreet perſon to uplift the rents when due, for whoſe pains I allow yearly One hundered merks, and, as uplifted, to employ the ſamen as the foreſaid perſons order, to POOR OLD MEN and WOMEN and ORPHANS; and I allow yearly to the Advocats Poor yearly, for yr pains, Fyftie merks Scots, and to the Wryters to the Signet One hundred merks yearly; and ordains the rights of my lands, and the bonds belonging to me, to be ſecured at the fore-named perſons yr ſight; and for the Minrs of the Preſbitry yr pains, I allow yearly Twenty pounds Scots, to be payed to one of ym ſucceſſively, for an Bible, and to begin wth the Moderator of the Preſbitry, and yrafter yearly ilk one per viees, as the preſbytery ſhall appoint: Provydeing always, Likeas it is hereby expreſsly provyded, yt yr pritts are not to wrong or alter my wife her liferent in the ſaid lands of Craigcrook, and oyrs above mentioned, but the ſamen to ſtand in force as conceived; as alſo any legacies or oyr things I have left, or ſhall leave, by word or wryte, to any perſon by wryte under my hand, to ſtand; and recommend to the perſons above ſpecified, to order the payment yrof as yrin is mentioned: Lykeas, it is hereby expreſsly provided and declared, That it ſhall be in my power, at any tyme dureng life, to alter thir pritts, and to annull the ſamen in haill or in part, either by word or wryte. And for the more ſecurity, I conſent to the regiſtration, &c.

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Mr Strachan made no Statutes.